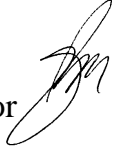


COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 15, 2006 (BOS Mtg. 6/27/06)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: James O. McReynolds, County Administrator 

SUBJECT: Proposed Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments - Pawn Shops/Tattoo Parlors/Payday Loan Establishments

As requested by the Board of Supervisors, Continental Research Associates (the County's on-call public opinion survey consultant) recently completed a public opinion survey concerning pawn shops, tattoo parlors and payday loan establishments. Copies of the Methodology, Margin of Error and Highlights sections of the final report were distributed via my May 31, 2006 memorandum.

Based on the survey results, public opinion on these types of establishments can be summarized as follows:

- A majority favors a Special Use Permit requirement for each of the three types of establishments.
- A majority believes that payday loan establishments are substantially different from banks and should be defined and categorized separately.
- Slightly over 50% of the respondents believe that tattoo parlors should not be allowed in GB-General Business districts or in visible locations along major commercial corridors. Similar responses for pawn shops and payday loan establishments were in the 42-49% range.
- A majority (ranging from 66% to 77%) believes that none of the three types of establishments should be located within ½ mile of schools, churches, libraries, parks or athletic fields.
- Only about one-third of the respondents believe they are so problematic that the County should seek special legislation to obtain the authority to completely prohibit them.

The attached proposed resolution contains draft Zoning Ordinance text amendments that would, if adopted, establish policies that reflect the majority opinions represented by the survey results. Adoption of proposed Resolution No. R06-91 would formally sponsor an application to amend the Zoning Ordinance and would forward the proposed language to the Planning Commission for review, public hearing and recommendation in accordance with applicable procedures.

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Attachment: Proposed Resolution No. R06-91